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MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS
Third meeting
Buenos Aires, 10 November 1998

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Item 1: Opening of the meeting

1. The third meeting of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials will be opened at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, by the Chair or, in his absence, by one of the other officers of the Committee.

2. At its second meeting, held in Nairobi from 2 to 4 March 1998, the Bureau of the Committee was constituted as follows:

Chair:	Mr. Simon Khaya Moyo (Zimbabwe)
Vice-Chairs:	Ms. Maria Julia Alsogaray (Argentina) Mr. Xia Kunbao (China) Mr. Janusz Radziejowski (Poland)
Rapporteur:	Mr. Philippe Roch (Switzerland)

3. At its fifth special session, the Governing Council formally confirmed the following States as members elected to the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials, in accordance with paragraph (b) of its decision 19/32 of 4 April 1997: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria,

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Bahamas, Bangladesh,* Burundi, China, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark,** Egypt, El Salvador, Finland,*** India,**** Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Italy, Japan * Kenya, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Pakistan,* Peru, Philippines,* Poland, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Samoa,**** Senegal, Sri Lanka,**** Switzerland, Thailand,**** Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

4. In keeping with the decision taken at Nairobi on 22 May 1998 by the Bureau of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials and pursuant to the mandate provided to the Bureau by the Committee to hold the third meeting of the Committee on 10 November 1998, the day before the high-level segment of the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, to be held in Buenos Aires, the third meeting of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at the Secretariat of Natural Resources and Sustainable Development in Buenos Aires. The Bureau of the Committee will meet in the evening of 9 November at the kind invitation of Minister Maria Julia Alsogaray of Argentina.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the meeting

5. The provisional agenda for the third meeting of the Committee, as agreed by the Bureau of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials at Nairobi, and including the inputs of Governments, as requested by the Chairman of the Committee in his letter of 2 June 1998, is contained in document UNEP/HLC/3/1.

6. The Executive Director recommends that the Committee deal with all the items of the provisional agenda in two plenary meetings.

Item 3: Implementation of the conclusions of the second meeting of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials

7. The conclusions of the Committee at its second meeting addressed, inter alia, trust funds in support of the work of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials; adequate, growing and predictable funding of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP); UNEP reform and revitalization in the context of United Nations reform; and freshwater.

8. In the light of the foregoing, the Executive Director will include in his statement to the meeting a report on progress in the implementation of the conclusions of the second meeting of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials (UNEP/HLC/3/2). The Committee will have before it the report of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials on the work of its second meeting (UNEP/HLC/2/6).

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Item 4: Financing sustainable development: the role of the United Nations Environment Programme in the financial mechanism

9. Under this item, the Executive Director will inform the Committee on the efforts made by UNEP to promote the implementation of multilateral environmental agreements, including the organization of meetings at the ministerial and expert levels, as well as seminars and workshops designed to enhance understanding of the provisions of those agreements.

10. To assist it in its deliberations, the Committee will have before it the report of the Executive Director on the financial mechanism (UNEP/HLC/3/3).

Item 5: Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on, inter alia, oceans, small island developing States, tourism and consumption and production patterns

11. By its decision SS.V/3 of 22 May 1998, on the contribution of UNEP to the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, the Governing Council requested the Executive Director to consult with Member States, particularly developing countries, both individually and in regional and subregional groupings, on environmental aspects of oceans management, including the problems of the sustainable development of small island developing States, and sustainable tourism and, on the basis of these consultations, to prepare reports for the consideration of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials - the Governing Council at its twentieth session, with a view to submitting the reports as a contribution to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its seventh session.

12. To assist it in its deliberations, the Committee will have before it the contribution of UNEP to the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on, inter alia, oceans, small island developing States, tourism and consumption and production patterns (UNEP/HLC/3/4).

Item 6: Reform of the United Nations Environment Programme

13. The Committee will have before it the report of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements to the Secretary-General (UNEP/HLC/3/INF/1) and a summary by Klaus Töpfer of the work of the Task Force (UNEP/HLC/3/INF/2). In addition, the Executive Director will give an oral presentation on the progress made in the area of UNEP reform and revitalization within the context of United Nations reform.

Item 7: Other matters

14. Under this item, the Committee may wish to confirm its decision, adopted at its first meeting, to entrust the finalization of the report to the Rapporteur, in consultation with the secretariat, and for the report to be distributed to all members of UNEP in a timely manner.

15. In addition, under this item, the Committee will have before it the note by the Executive Director on the complementarity of the core activities of UNEP and its Global Environment Facility (GEF) interventions

(UNEP/HLC/3/INF/3), as well as an information note on the measures initiated by UNEP to mainstream GEF operations in its regular activities (UNEP/HLC/3/INF/4), submitted, at the request of the GEF Council, to the Council at its October 1998 meeting in Washington, D.C. The Committee will also have before it an information note on the results of that meeting which are of relevance to UNEP (UNEP/HLC/3/INF/5).

16. Members of the Committee may bring any other matter to the attention of the Committee.

Item 8: Closure of the meeting

17. The meeting is expected to conclude its work by 6 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 November 1998.

Annex

DOCUMENTATION BEFORE THE MEETING

UNEP/HLC/3/1	Provisional agenda
UNEP/HLC/3/1/Add.1	Annotated provisional agenda
UNEP/HLC/3/2	Statement of the Executive Director on progress in implementation of the conclusions of the second meeting of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials
UNEP/HLC/2/6	Report of the High-level Committee of Ministers and Officials on the work of its second meeting
UNEP/HLC/3/3	Report of the Executive Director on the financial mechanism
UNEP/HLC/3/4	Contribution of the United Nations Environment Programme to the seventh session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on, inter alia, oceans, small island developing States, tourism and consumption and production patterns
UNEP/HLC/3/INF/1	Report of the United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements to the Secretary-General
UNEP/HLC/3/INF/2	United Nations Task Force on Environment and Human Settlements: Summary by Klaus Töpfer
UNEP/HLC/3/INF/3	Note by the Executive Director on the complementarity of the core activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and its Global Environment Facility interventions
UNEP/HLC/3/INF/4	Note by the secretariat on the measures initiated by United Nations Environment Programme to mainstream Global Environment Facility operations in its regular activities
UNEP/HLC/3/INF/5	Note by the secretariat on the results of the October 1998 meeting of the Council of the Global Environment Facility which are of relevance to the United Nations Environment Programme

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